

R-2508 Annual User's Brief 09 SEPTEMBER 2021

# **WELCOME!**

- Airspace Layout
- Concept of Operations
- Overflight Restrictions
- Low level Procedures
- Standard Op Procedures
- Special Activities/Areas
- Scheduling/Flt Plans
- SITREPS
- On Line Info







#### **Restricted Areas:**

- Schedule R-2508 with CCF
- Schedule Internal Restricted Areas with Using Agency and CCF To Transit MOA/ATCAA Airspace

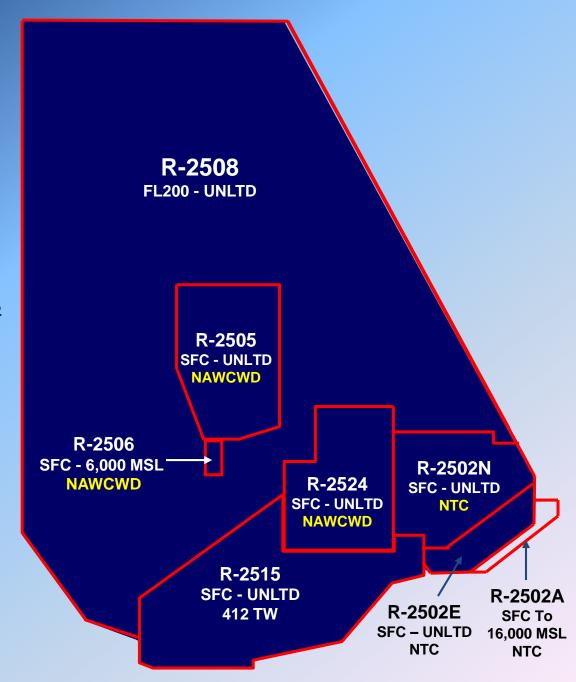
#### **Using Agencies:**

R-2505, R-2506, R-2524: NAWCWD

R-2515: 412TW

R-2502N, R2502E, R-2502A: NTC







# **MOA & ATCAA Airspace**

Military Operations Areas & Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace

#### **JOSHUA APPROACH**

#### **Frequencies:**

**Joshua Primary ATC: 348.7/133.65** 

Isabella: 335.6/134.05

Owens: 322.3/126.55

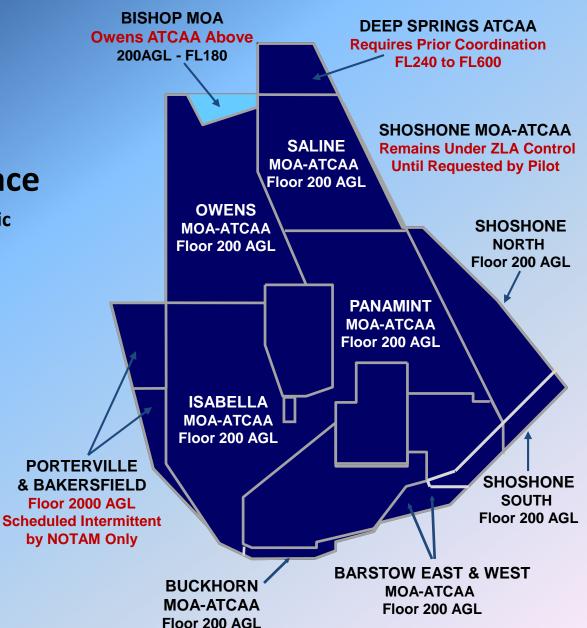
Saline: 256.8/123.95

Panamint: 291.6/120.25











# **Concept of Operations**

When the SUA is Activated

- VFR
- See and Avoid
- Non-Exclusive Use
  - Transponder Mode C
  - Accept Advisory Service
  - Active vs. Inactive Monitoring











#### **IFR Procedures**

Not Authorized when SUA is Active

What to do if you encounter an IMC Condition...

- Advise Joshua Approach
- Expect IFR Clearance
  - On Top or Vectors to VMC
  - IFR Separation applied between IFR Aircraft only











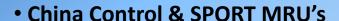
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- Joshua Control Facility, "Joshua Approach"
  - -Traffic & boundary advisories, mission support
  - VFR and IFR Services as applicable within MOAs, ATCAAs, R-2508, and Released Internal Restricted Areas



- -Traffic & boundary calls and mission support services for China Lake (R-2505, R-2506 & R-2524)
- Edwards (R-2515 Barstow & Buckhorn MOA/ATCAA)
- Desert Radio, Airspace Information Center
   -Mission support in R-2502N, R-2502E & R-2502A









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# **Check in Procedures & Situational Awareness**



- Receive Clearance: Contact Joshua Approach prior to Complex entry and exit. Initial contact shall include a request for a Complex Clearance and Altitudes.
- Provide SA to ATC: During check-in, pilots should state their intentions and planned work area using plain language.
- <u>Receive SA from ATC</u>: Joshua Approach should respond with Work Area Clearance, relevant Traffic Information, and, workload permitting, work area saturation information.
- <u>ATC traffic calls</u> are based on observed aircraft positions, headings, altitudes and radar limitations. Rapid changes in heading or altitude may not be observed by ATC in time for the information to be issued in a timely manner. Aircrews are encouraged to Alert ATC when conducting rapid heading and/or altitude changes.





# Overflight Restrictions of Death Valley National Park & Domeland Wilderness Area

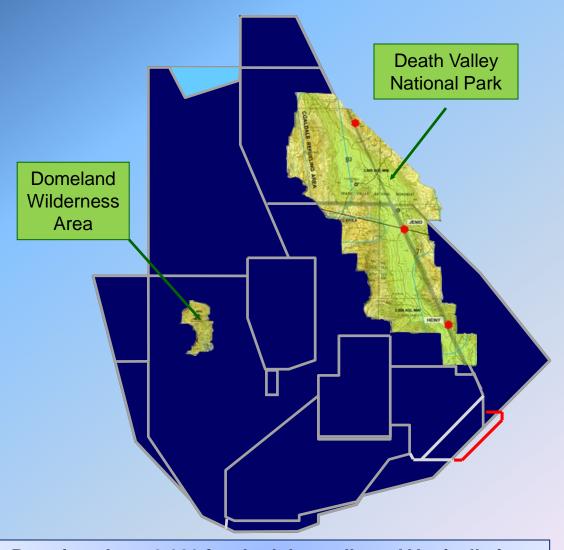
Floor of MOA over Death Valley National Park and Domeland Wilderness Areas Published Altitude: 3,000' AGL

- FLIP AP1 California
- FAA JO 7400.8









Remain at least 3,000 feet both Laterally and Vertically from Death Valley National Park and Domeland Wilderness Area...3,000 feet from Canyon Walls and Saddles



# **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI)**



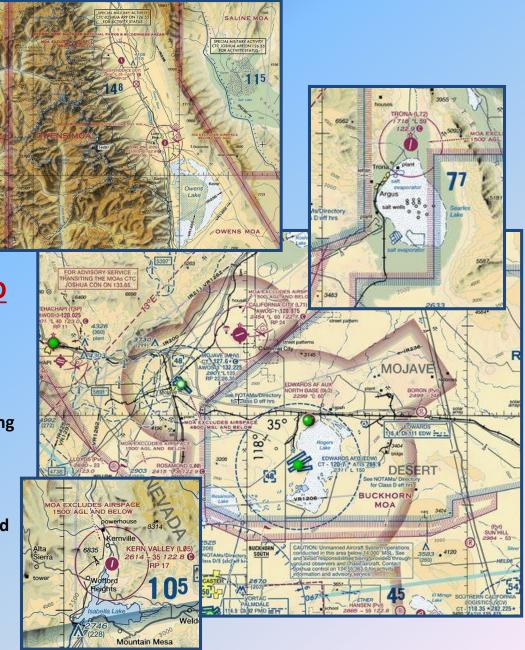
- All participating aircrews maintain an altitude of 18,000' or above over SEKI unless lower altitude is required.
  - If lower than 18,000' is required Annotate "SEKI" in Remarks Section of R-2508 Complex Airspace request Form.
- Unscheduled operations below FL180 over SEKI are authorized only for safety of flight considerations.
- At no time will any participating aircraft descend below 3,000' AGL within the boundaries of SEKI except in an emergency situation. Lateral separation from SEKI is 3000'.



#### **Overflight Restrictions**

- Published Civil Airports:
- 1,500' AGL or 3 NM
- Mojave Air & Space Port Class D
   Airspace:
- 4,800' MSL and below
- National Test Pilot's School
- Aircraft & Space Systems development/testing
- Airborne Tow operations
- Community Overflights:
- 3,000' AGL unless operating on an approved test plan







#### **Low Level Procedures**

For sustained flight below 1,500' AGL

- Requires notification/check-in with JOSHUA Approach
- Operating frequency 315.9 MHz, NOT Monitored by ATC/MRU
  - Use as Unicom for <u>blind transmissions</u>, <u>pilot to pilot only</u>
- State Call sign, type aircraft, location and intentions
- Provides cross frequency communication capability with Land Management Agencies









- Flown in clockwise direction (i.e. A, B, C).
- Opposite direction flight PROHIBITED.
- AVOID noise sensitive areas by 3,000' AGL (i.e. Olancho, Cartago, Keeler, Lone Pine, etc.).
- AVOID all airports by 1,500' AGL or 3 NM.
- CAUTION: Possible merging traffic from aircraft on Jedi Transition. Offset east of J for de-confliction. Mandatory radio call approaching J: "Callsign, Sidewinder, approach Point Juliet."
- JEDI TRANSITION: C to C1 to J
  - AVOID overflying Father Crowley Lookout (N36 21.12 W117 33.05)
  - Maintain at or above 1,000' above lip of Rainbow Canyon.
- To schedule: annotate SIDEWINDER to remarks section of R-2508 Airspace Request Form.





# Noise & Low Level Complaints

Sidewinder Low Level
Point Alpha to Descent Point

Remain above 3,000' AGL until 3 NM North of Kern Valley Airport to avoid Lake Isabella and surrounding Communities



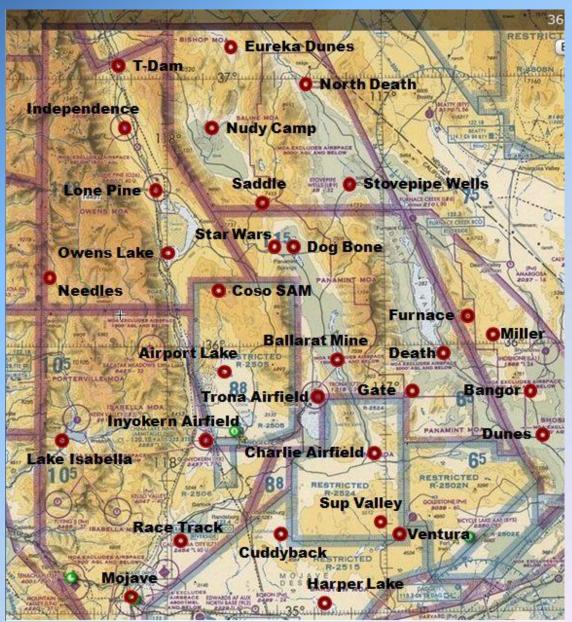




# **GEO Reference Points**

- Easily identifiable ground reference points used to describe aircraft position during low level flight operations on frequency 315.9
- Detailed list of these locations, names and latitude/longitude position listed in R2508 Users Handbook paragraph 5.2.1







# •<u>Temporary Flight</u> <u>Restrictions</u> (TFRs)

- Land Management Activity
- Fire-fighting Support ACFT

SMOKE FROM FIRES STAY

AWAY!

Check NOTAMS Prior to Step

Check R-2508 Daily Brief Sheet





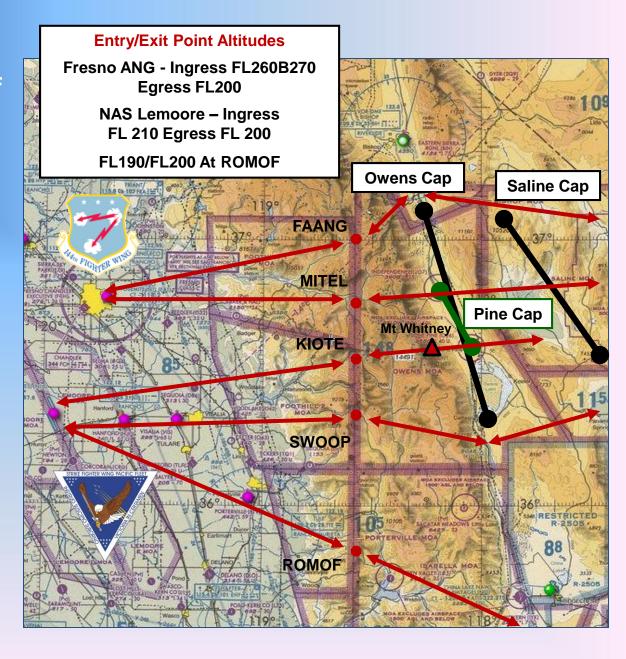


**NAS Lemoore/Fresno ANG** 

### **Ingress/Egress Routes**

- NAS Lemoore
  - Entry/Exit via KIOTE & SWOOP
     FL180 or above only
  - Entry/Exit via ROMOF for Superior Valley at FL190/200 to avoid Isabella AR (ARISB)
- Fresno ANG
  - Entry/Exit via FAANG & MITEL
     FL180 or above only
  - Use FAANG to avoid Cap Points when active
- Other Uses
  - Be aware of heavy East/West traffic flow across Owen Valley
  - Avoid Mt Whitney area







# **Large Force Exercises (LFE)**

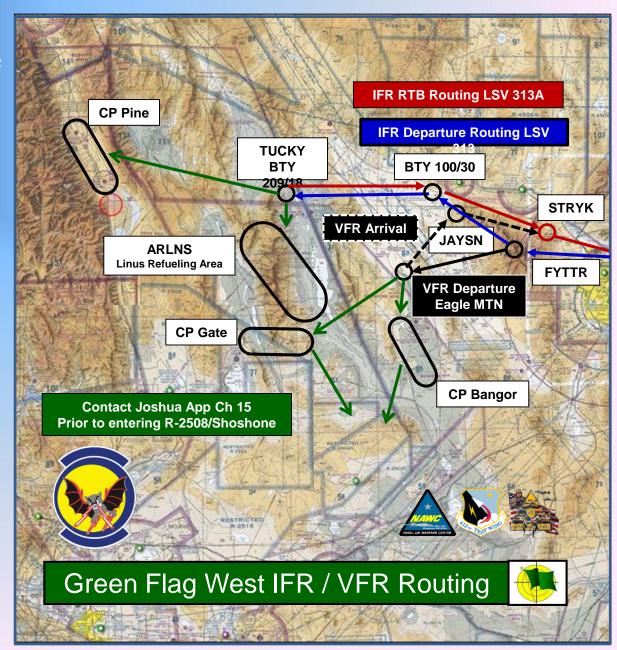
- LFEs are exercises involving more than 10 participating aircraft on target, working area, or as determined by CCF.
- Common LFEs: CVW, Orange Flag, etc.
- · Published on the Daily Briefing Sheet at least 15 days in advance.
- LFE Planners:
  - Avoid peak Complex hours (1000-1400L).
  - Take advantage of CCF's knowledge and experience in coordinating LFEs.
  - CCF can provide recommendations to achieve mission success.
  - Early contact (recommended at least 30 days in advance) with CCF can prevent major last minute changes to exercise plans.





# **Green Flag West**

- IFR Departure Routing... via FYTTR..BTY 100/30..TUCKY
- IFR RTB Routing... via TUCKY..BTY 100/30...STRYK
- LSV VFR Departure Routing FYTTR..Eagle Mountain
- LSV VFR RTB Routing Eagle Mountain...JAYSN...STRYK
- Refueling Area LINUS (ARLNS) 22K'
- Lone Pine CAS Orbit Hold at 21K' then operate 20K' to 200 AGL in Owens MOA/ATCAA



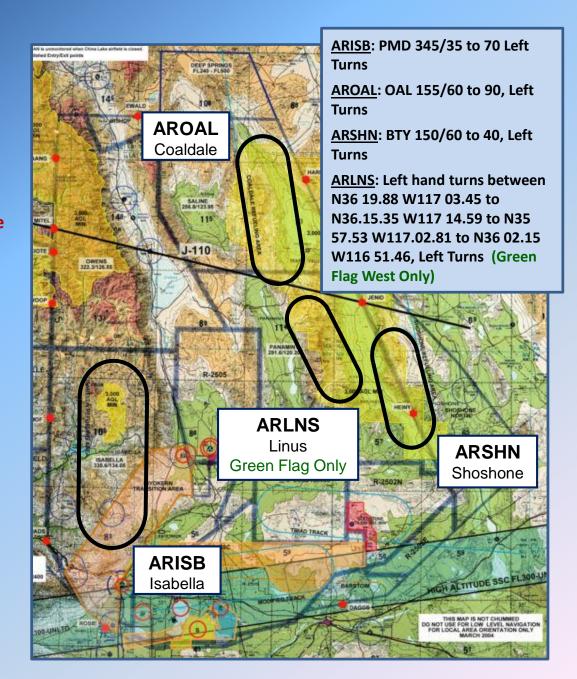


#### **Air-Refueling Operations:**

- Refueling areas NOT exclusive-use airspace and NOT PROTECTED from other Complex aircraft operating in the area.
- Avoid observed tanking operations by a minimum of 2,000 feet vertically and 5 miles laterally.
- Standard ARISB Alt Blocks:
   FL210B230 / FL240B260 / FL270B290
- Tanker discrete squawks:
   0051-0057 (assigned by SPORT)
   5253-5257 (assigned by JOSHUA)
- 412 TW assigned/sponsored TNKRS:

Mode 1: Squawk 02 Mode 2: Squawk 7210







# **Special Activity Areas...**Weather Areas

Area 1: Eastern Half of R-2515 Divided by Highway 395

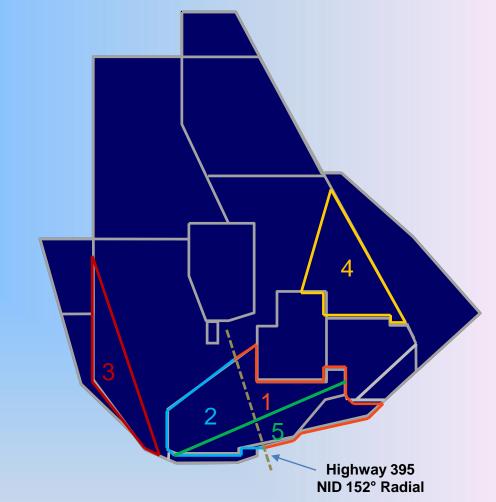
Area 2: Western Half of R-2515 Divided by Highway 395

Area 3: Isabella MOA/ATCAA West of the PMD 330° Radial

Area 4: Panamint MOA/ATCAA East of the BTY 182° Radial

Area 5: R-2515 South of the FIM 049°
Radial & Barstow MOA/ATCAA





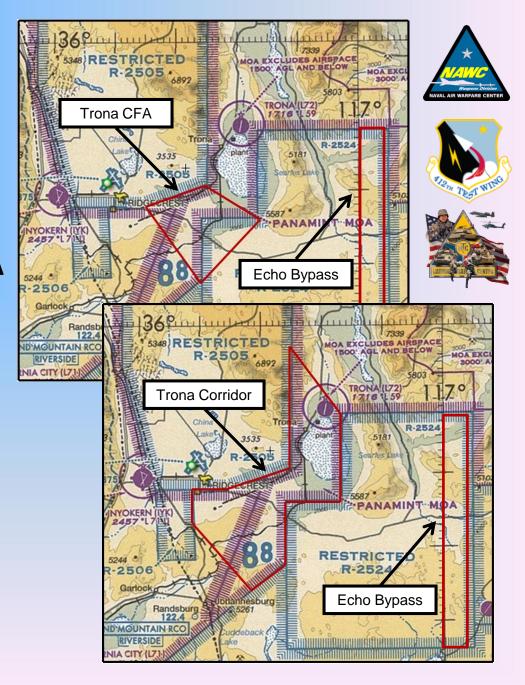
#### **What Users Should know...**

- WX Areas exist in the Southern Portion of the Complex
- WX Areas are Released to ZLA for Air Carrier WX Avoidance
- Joshua/SPORT will keep users updated on areas activated
- If you're unfamiliar with WX Area locations advise Joshua or SPORT and request assistance in WX Area avoidance.



# **Special Activity Areas**

- Trona Controlled Firing Area CFA
- Altitudes: 3,000' AGL to 20,000 MSL
- Trona Corridor
- Altitudes: 20,000' MSL to Infinity
- Used to Protect Path of Free Flight
  Weapons Across Trona Gap
- May Be Used in Conjunction
- Echo Bypass may be available for transitions





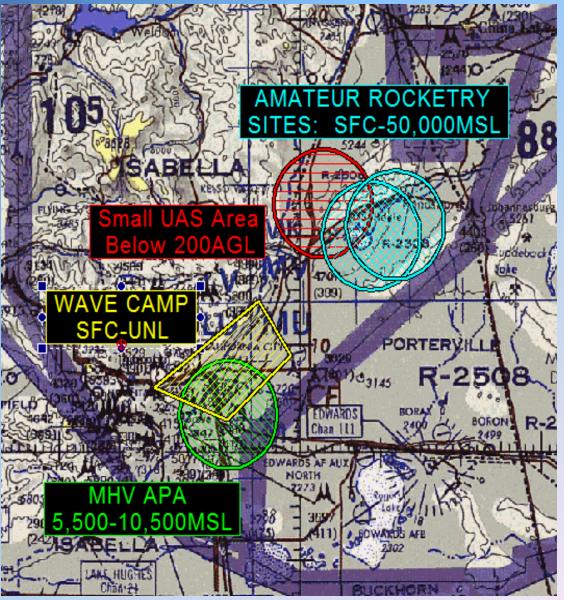
#### **SPECIAL ACTIVITY AREAS**

- Small UAS Work Area
  - Below 200' AGL
  - Underlies IR211 and VR1262
- Koehn Dry Lake: Launch Site
  - Launch Altitudes up to 50,000 MSL
  - sUAS 200AGL M-F / 400AGL WKND
- Wave Camp Area: Concentrated
   Glider Activity All altitudes
  - Transponder Equipped above FL180
- MHV Aerobatic Practice Area
  - 5,500' to 10,500' MSL
  - W/I lateral confines MHV Class D
  - Activated real-time by JOSHUA











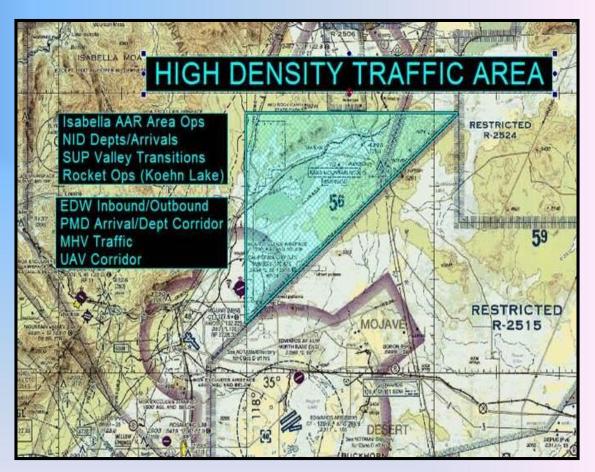
#### **High Density Traffic Area**

- Defined by: 118 line on west, extended southern boundary of R-2506 on north, boundary of R-2515 on southeast
- Confluence of large variety of activities, missions, platforms
- Majority of Incident Reports occur in this area
- Aircrews should expect numerous traffic calls and request updates as needed







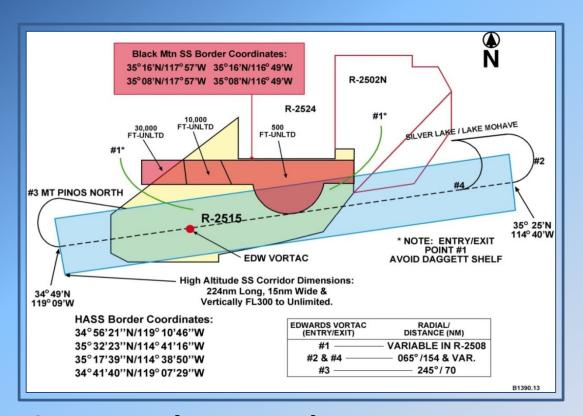




# **Special Activity Areas**

- Supersonic Areas
- Black Mountain Supersonic
  - Tiered Bottom
  - SPORT must be open
- High Altitude Supersonic
  - At or Above FL300
  - Entry/Exit 1 within R-2515
  - Other Entry/Exit Point usage requires prior coordination with SPORT and LA Center





# **Supersonic operations**

- Only in authorized supersonic areas
- Refer to R-2515 in-flight procedures (412TW 13-100)
   regarding use of High Altitude and Black Mountain areas,
   additional information available through the Edwards
   Airspace Management Office DSN 527-2515 or 277-2515
- Schedule Supersonic Operations with 412TW Center Scheduling. Same Day: DSN 527-3940 next day or beyond DSN 527-4110. Include in Remarks Section of CCF Airspace Request Form.

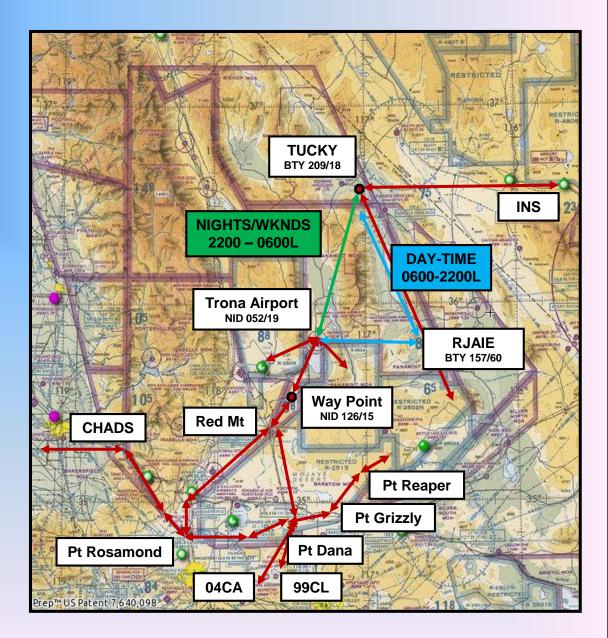


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#### **UAS/RPA Transition Routes**

- All Transitions flown at FL190 or FL200 Correct Alt/Direction of Flt
- GREEN RTE: Authorized only after normal flying complete Mon-Fri, weekends, or FL400 and above.
- BLUE RTE: For use during normal Flt Ops Mon-Fri
- R-2505 R-2524 Transitions:
- Authorized directly across Trona Corridor (no loitering)
- Min Alt: FL180
- Mode 3 & ATC com required







# **Chaff & Flares**

#### **Chaff/ECM**

- Requires specific frequency management approvals (usually via unit)
- Notify CCF of Chaff/ECM activity when scheduling airspace (remarks section)
- Additional (internal) range rules may apply

#### **Flares**

 Internal restricted areas <u>ONLY</u> & requires specific Using Agency approval











# **Lights Out &**Targets of Opportunity

#### **Lights-Out Operations**

- May be conducted within <u>internal</u> restricted areas
- Within R-2508 IAW Unit/CCB LOP

#### **Do Not Select Targets of Opportunity**

 Highlighting test aircraft may result in a security violation or interruption of an expensive test







### **R-2508 Complex Daily Brief Sheet**

- What's going on the next day
- AAR Activity/UAS Transitions
- TFRs/LFEs/small UAS Activity
- Unusual/Special Operations
- Future Operations







# R-2508 COMPLEX DAILY BRIEF SHEET DOES NOT INCLUDE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED WITHIN

INTERNAL RESTRICTED AREAS

R-2568 Website: http://www.edwards.af.mil/Home/R-2568 USAF SharePoint: https://USAF.DPS.MIL/TEAMS/12162 CCF After Hours Support: 1-866-805-2851

#### 02 AUGUST 19

#### GPS TESTING EVENTS

FAA Public Notice Website: http://www.fansafety.gov/SPANS/notices\_public.aspx

14 July - 02 August 2019, Nellis AFB, NV 15 July - 20 August 2019, Yuma, AZ

#### SCHEDULED REFUELING OPERATIONS

DATE/TIME (Z)	DELING OPERATIONS		
021600Z - 021700Z	AREA	ALTITUDES	Travers
		FL240 - FL260	UNIT BASE
		- 2200	FDW

#### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/OPERATIONS

#### SWLL RESTRICTIONS

THE SWLL IS CLOSED FROM POINT "A" TO POINT "C" FOR FIRE FIGHTING ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY ENTER AT POINT "C" TO PROCEED NORTH ON THE SWLL.

THE JEDI TRANSITION IS CLOSED FROM POINT "C" TO POINT "J". REMAIN CLEAR OF POINT "J" FOR HELO OPERATIONS.

#### NATIONAL PARKS/FORESTRY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

CA-INF-1506 - CONCENTRATED ACTIVITIES - 301900Z - UFN CA-147-1500 - CONCENTRALED ACTIVITIES - 3015002 - CFA
The NPS/FS will be conducting concentrated activities within a 5 mile radius of N36° 11' 58" and
W118° 16' 47". Altitude is at or below 3000 AGL.

#### NATIONAL PARKS/FORESTRY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

CA-INF-1435 CONCENTRATED ACTIVITIES - 261500Z - UFN The NPS FS will be conducting concentrated activities within a 7 NM radius of N36° 17' 06" and

\*\* INDICATES CHANGES\*\*

For more detailed information concerning any of the above information, contact the R-2508 Central Coordinating Facility at DSN: 627-2508, COMM: (661) 277-2508.

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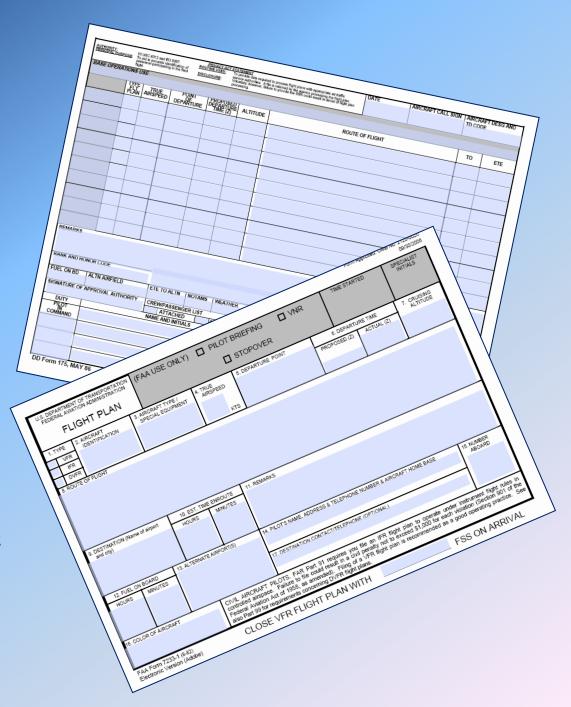
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# **IFR Flight Planning**

- Flight Plans should be filed with 2 separate legs...
- Leg 1: Departure point, route of flight, R-2508 entry point, R-2508 as destination.
- Leg 2: R-2508, R-2508 exit point, flight route, destination airport/fix
- Do not file a delay in the Complex
- Filing a delay may result in the loss of the second half of your flight plan
- May result in extensive delay in receiving IFR Clearance out of area



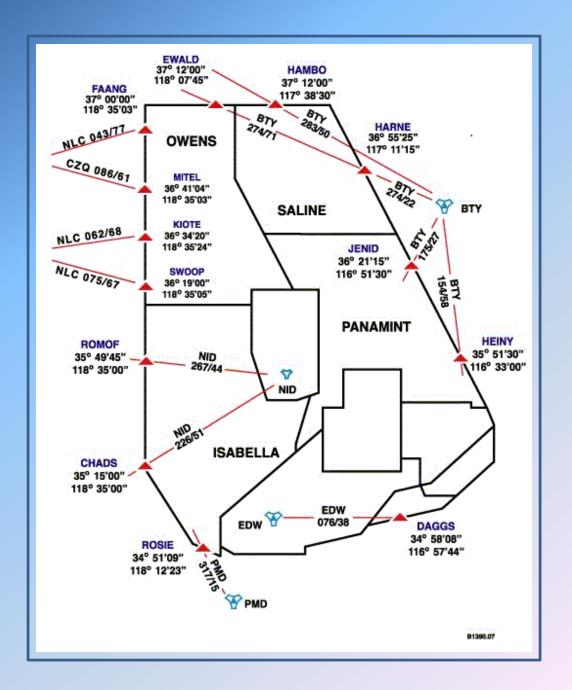




# **Entry/Exit Points Flight Plan Entries...**

- Use Complex entry/exit points during flight planning to alert Joshua/Center of your intentions.
- FAANG/MITEL/KIOTE/SWOOP
  ROSIE/DAGGS can be filed by name
  (others by coords or RAD/DME)
- \*NID TACAN is unmonitored when China Lake airfield is closed.







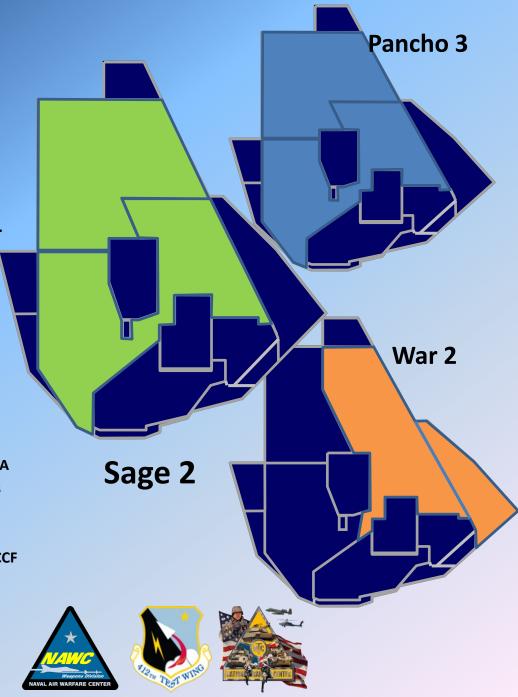
#### **Complex Clearances**

SAGE 2: Isabella, Owens, Saline, and Panamint, FL290 and below.

PANCHO 3: (EDW, NID, PMD, and NLC aircraft only.) Isabella and Panamint work areas at and below FL500, and Owens and Saline work areas at and below FL290.

WAR 2 Clearance: (Green Flag Participants Only) Saline and Panamint Work Areas at and below FL290, Shoshone MOA, and Shoshone North and South ATCAA's at and belowFL230.

COLLINS 1 (U-2 A/C only): (not depicted) Isabella MOA and ATCAA 200' AGL to unlimited, and Owens, Panamint, and Saline ATCAAs above FL500. Additionally, if scheduled by the aircrew, internal restricted areas above FL500. \*NOTE\* Aircrew must schedule internal restricted areas IAW the scheduling agencies' policies. CCF and JCF are not responsible for knowing or advising if internal restricted areas are active and/or have been scheduled. This responsibility rests solely with the aircrew.





# R-2508 Scheduling

**CCF Office Hours** - Monday thru Friday **0600-1800L**, excluding Federal holidays

- Schedule NLT 1600L Day Prior
- Schedule NLT 1600L Friday for Weekend Operations
- After hours schedule changes: Call CCF
   After Hours Number 1-866-805-2851
- Include internal restricted areas scheduled with applicable Using Agency







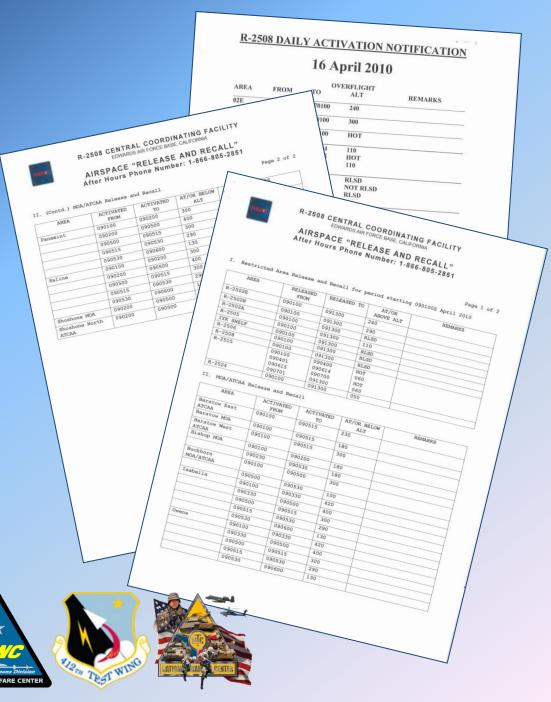
# **Scheduling**

Why CCF Needs your Airspace Request Form NLT 1600L Day Prior (Friday for Weekends)

Airspace Activation, Release and Recall Information is sent to Los Angeles Center to let the FAA know what the military is scheduled to use.

Off Station Users "Must be briefed & schedule R-2508 through CCF"

Late scheduling could result in Mission Loss or Delay



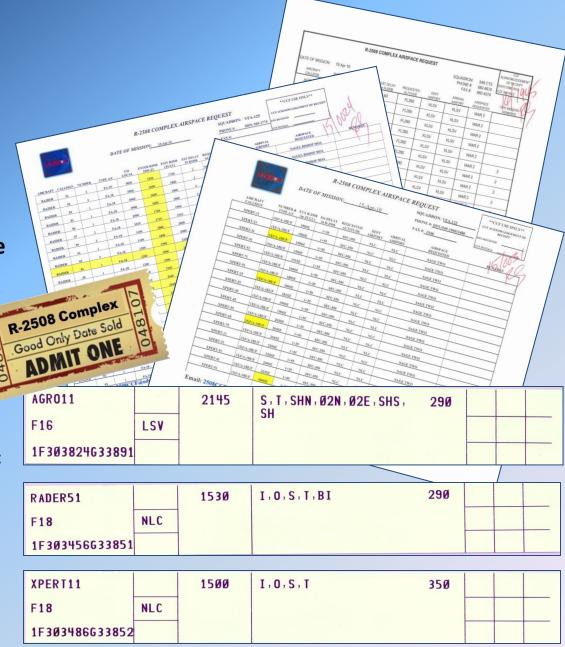


# **Scheduling**

 Scheduling data used to Generate ATC Flight Plan Information and Flight Progress Strip for Joshua

- Flight Strip is **Your Ticket** for entry into the Complex
- Use R-2508 Complex Airspace Request Form and Submit via Email (no fax please)
- Units will receive return acknowledgement
- Changes to received schedules MUST be called in, emailed to CCF





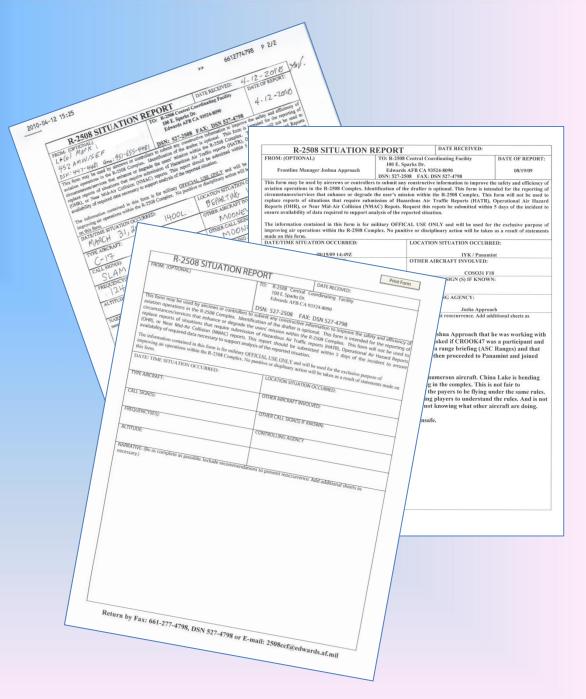


# **SITREP**

(R-2508 Situation Report)

- Official Communication
- Official Response
- Don't wait too long...





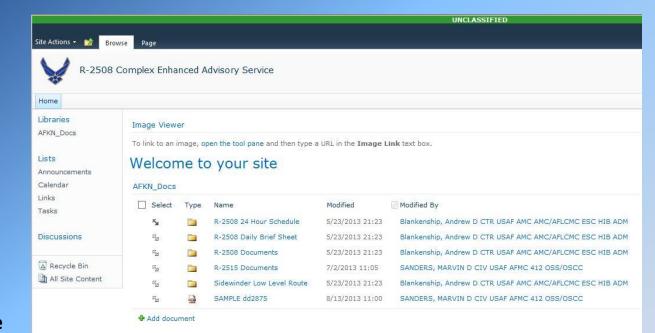


#### What's Available

# Online...

- R-2508 Daily Flying Schedule posted online Monday Thru Friday at 0700L
- Includes Work Areas and Mission Profiles as provided on R-2508 Airspace Request Form
- Access requires .mil email address and CAC log on





# AFNET EIS SharePoint Account for CCF Online Information - 24 Hour Schedule & Daily Brief Sheet:

https://USAF.DPS.MIL/TEAMS/12162

Non-USAF agencies must setup an AFNET EIS Sharepoint Account.

- Contact the 412th OSS IAO at DSN: 525-4269 or COMM: (661) 525-4269.
- Requirements: A current Information Awareness training certificate
- Complete DD Form 2875.

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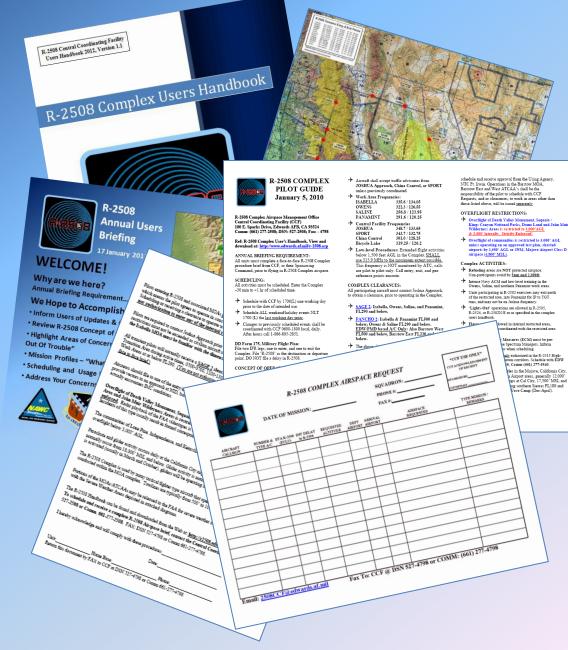
- Users Handbook
- This Briefing
- Airspace Request Form
- Situation Report (SITREP)
- Pilot Guide & Map
- NID Transient Pilot Brief
- Where?

http://www.edwards.af.mil/About/R-2508











#### **R-2508 Central Coordinating Facility**



# **Questions?**

- Co-Located with Joshua Approach
- Here to Support your Operations
  - DSN 527-2508 or Commercial 661-277-2508
  - 2508ccf@us.af.mil
  - Online Information
    - http://www.edwards.af.mil/About/R-2508
    - https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/12162/SitePages/Home.aspx

